FACT SHEET



Pool's Prairie Superfund Site Neosho, Missouri

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INTRODUCTION

On February 25, 1998, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) completed an agreement that provides for installation of whole-house water treatment units in homes affected by the Pool's Prairie Superfund site located in Neosho, Missouri. The Pools Prairie site was formerly referred to as the Neosho Wells site.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Under the terms of this agreement, the whole-house treatment units are being provided to homes with drinking water wells that contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the Pool's Prairie site above health-based levels. The parties signing the agreement are the Department of Defense, Boeing North American, Inc., Teledyne Industries, Inc., and the Sabreliner Corporation.

The treatment units are being made available to replace the bottled water that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been providing to approximately 35 households. The bottled drinking water effectively reduces exposure to VOCs by ingestion. The wholehouse treatment units will also reduce potential exposure to VOC contamination through contact with skin and breathing vapors, especially while bathing and showering. Installation of the treatment units, which is expected to begin immediately, provides an interim solution until a decision is made on a long-term water supply. EPA is continuing to consider potential sources for a long-term water supply.

SITE LOCATION

The Pool's Prairie site includes two areas of groundwater contaminated with VOCs. The areas are known as the Northeast area and the Quince Road area. The Northeast area is located along Highway HH and TT, south of Alternate 71 Highway, and extends along rural roads north and south of Alternate 71 to the intersection of Highways 71 and 60. The Quince Road area is located near Quince Road and Highway 71 South.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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